Export of coir-yarn, etc., to foreign countries.

356 *MR. E. P. VARGHESE (*Ambalapuzha* cum *Shertala*): Will the Government be pleased to state :

(*a*) the bales of coir-yarn exported to foreign countries through the ports in Travancore during the years 1936 and 1937 ; and

(*b*) the freight for coir-yarn and for mats and mattings during the said years to London ?

MR. M. K. NILAKANTA AIYAR (*Ag. Excise Commissioner*) : (*a*) Information regarding the number of bales of coir yarn exported is not available. The quantities exported during 1936 and 1937 are given below :—

Year		*Quantity*
1936	...	1,91,226 cwts.
1937	...	2,00,544 cwts.

(*b*) Information is not available.

MR. E. P. VARGHESE : Are the Government aware that while the freight on coir yarn is based on the volume of the bales, the freight on mats and matting is based on their weight ?

MR. M. K. NILAKANTA AIYAR : I have no information.

MR. E. P. VARGHESE : Has the honourable member enquired whether the mats and matting industry has suffered due to the export of coir yarn ?

MR. M. K. NILAKANTA AIYAR : No, Sir.

MR. K. C. KARUNAKARAN : May I know whether coir yarn bales are hydraulically pressed for export ?

MR. M. K. NILAKANTA AIYAR : I do not know.

MR. M. L. JANARDANA PILLAI (*Nominated*): May I know whether the Indian Section representative of the Alleppey Chamber of Commerce has protested that that difference in the freight has adversely affected the coir mats and matting industry ?

MR. M. K. NILAKANTA AIYAR : I have information.

Opening a Vernacular High School in Shertalai.

357 *MR. N. NARAYANA KURUP (*Ambalapuzha* cum *Shertala*) : Will the Government be pleased to state :

(*a*) whether they or the Director of Public Instruction have received any representation for opening a Vernacular High School, in Shertalai ; and

(*b*) if so, when was it received and what action has been taken on it ?

MR. A. GOPALA MENON (*Director of Public Instruction*) : (*a*) Both the Government and the Director have received representations on the subject of opening of Class VIII in the Departmental Vernacular Middle School in the locality.

(*b*) They were received in January and March 1938. On enquiry it was found that the existing accommodation in the Shertalai Vernacular Middle School was insufficient. The matter will be taken up when funds permit.

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